

# RECEIVED JUN 27 2003 TC 1700

PATENT 0425-0837P

## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Kaoru	MURATA	et	al.	Conf.:	5554
•						

Appl. No.: 09/831,496 Group: 1723

Filed: May 10, 2001 Examiner: THERKORN

For: DIFFUSION PROMOTING DEVICE FOR LOW FLOW

VELOCITY GRADIENT HIGH PERFORMANCE

LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

### LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM

P.O.	issioner for Patents Box 1450 andria, VA 22313-1450	June	26,	2003
Sir:				
	smitted herewith is a Reply to Restricing irement in the above-identified application.	ction	/Elec	tion
	The enclosed document is being transmit Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R.			the
	Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for of time.	time the	purs exter	uant sion
$\boxtimes$	No fee is required.			
	A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.			
	Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in	the	amoun	t of

\$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Appl. No. 09/831,496

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

Marc S. Weiner, #32,181

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

Attachment(s)

0425-0837P

(Rev. 04/30/03)



PATENT 0425-0837P

#### IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Kaoru MURATA et al.

Conf.:

5554

Appl. No.: 09/831,496

Group:

1723

Filed:

May 10, 2001

Examiner: THERKORN

For:

DIFFUSION PROMOTING DEVICE FOR LOW FLOW

VELOCITY GRADIENT HIGH PERFORMANCE

LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

# REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 June 26, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated May 27, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

#### REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species 1, a solvent inlet tube and a solvent outlet tube with different inner diameters;

Species 2, a solvent outlet tube connected to a solvent inlet tube at an acute angle;